

RESOLUTION
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

RELATIVE TO

The reduction of postage on newspapers and periodicals.

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the reduction of postage on newspapers and periodicals.

Whereas "knowledge and learning generally diffused through a community are essential to the preservation of a free government;" and whereas it is believed that the free periodical press of these United States, next to the primary school system, is the most potent engine for the general diffusion of useful knowledge throughout the community, and that it is the duty of Congress, through the medium of the Post Office Department, to grant every facility to, and render as cheap as may be practicable, the circulation of intelligence and knowledge by means of the newspaper and periodical press of the country: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence to produce such a change in the post office law, that irregular papers, periodicals, pamphlets, or documents that may, by existing laws, be required to be pre-paid before they can be mailed, shall only be charged the same rate of postage as is taxed on periodicals sent by publishers to regular subscribers, and to procure the passage of such laws as will reduce the present rates of postage on all newspapers and periodicals transmitted by mail.

Resolved further, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
PARIS C. DUNNING,
President of the Senate.

Approved February 14, 1848

JAMES WHITCOMB.

